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SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF: REQUEST FOR U.S. AIRLIFT SUPPORT
FOR FLOOD RELIEF

REF: A. BANGKOK 479; B. STATE 006031

1. DEEPLY APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR
REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO PASS CHECK FOR \$25,000 TO RTG FOR
DISASTER RELIEF IN FLOOD-STRICKEN SOUTHERN AREAS OF
THAILAND. THIS IS MOST HELPFUL TO US, AND TIMELY ASSISTANCE
IS GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THAIS.

2. AT DINNERSMEETING JANUARY 11 IN CHIANG MAI, THE KING OF
THAILAND ASKED THE AMBASSADOR IN ADDITION FOR URGENT AND
IMMEDIATE AIRLIFT SUPPORT BY U.S. TO HELP MEET THAI INABILITY
TO GET FOOD AND OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES TO THOSE AFFECTED
BY THAILAND'S MOST SERIOUS FLOODS IN YEARS. SITUATION MAY
WELL WORSEN AS MORE RAINS ARE PREDICTED.

3. KING BHUMIPHON REQUESTED SPECIFICALLY THAT U.S.
PROVIDE USE OF ONE C-130 AND TWO LARGE (PRESUMABLY CHINOOK)
HELICOPTERS WITH CREWS. BELIEVE IT MOST IMPORTANT WE RE-
SPOND FAVORABLY AND QUICKLY TO THIS REQUEST, NOT ONLY TO
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ASSIST IN MEETING LEGITIMATE THAI NEED BUT ALSO TO

DEMONSTRATE AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME POSITIVE BENEFITS OF U.S.
MILITARY PRESENCE.

4. REQUEST AUTHORITY BY IMMEDIATE NIACT MESSAGE TO CONFIRM TO
RTG THAT AIRLIFT REQUESTED WILL BE PROVIDED. (THIS REQUEST ALSO
BEING MADE THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS BY TELEPHONE).
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